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TITLE: ARTIFICIAL CORUNDUM CRYSTAL

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Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract with the attached amended abstract.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove the characterizing language, reference numerals and multiple dependencies. The abstract has been amended to correct informalities. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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